

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
PERMITS SECTION
235 PROMENADE STREET
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02908-5767

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT ACTIONS UNDER THE RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (RIPDES) PROGRAM WHICH REGULATES DISCHARGES INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE UNDER CHAPTER 46-12 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS OF 1956, AS AMENDED.

DATE OF NOTICE: December 18, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 19-09

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RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0023884

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Town of Cumberland Water Department
98 Nate Whipple Highway
Cumberland, RI 02864

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Sneech Pond Water Treatment Facility
76 Nate Whipple Highway
Cumberland, RI 02864

RECEIVING WATER: Sneech Pond (water body ID #: **RI0001005L-01**)

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: AA

The facility which is the source of the effluent discharge is engaged in the production of drinking water. The discharge is composed of sedimentation basin decant and filter backwash water. This permit authorizes the discharges that were previously authorized by a July 27, 2011 permit. Permit limits have been maintained and new permit limits have been added to be protective of water quality in the receiving water. DEM intends to enter into a Consent Agreement that will include a compliance schedule for the facility to come into compliance with its RIPDES permit limits.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

A statement of basis (describing the type of facility and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in these permit actions) may be obtained at no cost by writing or calling DEM as noted below:

Samuel Kaplan, P.E.
Environmental Engineer II
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Resources
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
(401) 222-4700 ext. 7046
Email: samuel.kaplan@dem.ri.gov

The administrative record containing all documents relating to these permit actions is on file and may be inspected, by appointment, at the DEM's Providence office mentioned above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Pursuant to Chapter 42-17.4 of the Rhode Island General Laws a public hearing has been scheduled to consider these permits if requested. Requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted in writing to the attention of Samuel Kaplan, P.E. at the address indicated above. Notice should be taken that if DEM receives a request from twenty-five (25) people, a governmental agency or subdivision, or an association having no less than twenty-five (25) members on or before 4:00 PM on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

5:00 PM Thursday, January 30, 2020
Room 280
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Interested persons should contact DEM to confirm if a hearing will be held at the time and location noted above.

235 Promenade Street is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call Samuel Kaplan or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Interested parties may submit comments on the permit actions and the administrative record to the address above no later than 4:00PM on Friday, January 31, 2020.

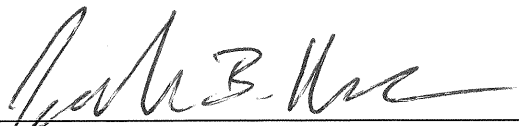
If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permit, DEM may require a new draft permit or statement of basis or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

Any person, including the permittee/applicant, who believes these permit actions are inappropriate, must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period under 250-RICR-150-10-1.42. The public comment period is from Wednesday, December 18, 2019 to Friday, January 31, 2020. Commenters may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements. Comments should be directed to DEM as noted above.

FINAL DECISION AND APPEALS:

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Director will issue a final decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the permittee and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice. Within 30 days following the notice of the final decision, any interested person may submit a request for a formal hearing in accordance with the requirements of 250-RICR-150-10-1.50 of the Regulations for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

12/13/19
Date



Joseph B. Haberek, P.E.
Environmental Engineer IV
RIPDES, Office of Water Resources
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